

(c) whether Government are taking any step in order to improve the quality of education and ensure a better career prospects for the students of these institutions?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The exact locations (District and Block wise) are indicated in the statement enclosed at Statement (see below). These 10 Ekalavya Model Residential Schools differ from the existing Ashram schools and Sevasharam running under the State Government.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Statement

District and block-wise location of EMRS

Sl. No.	Name & location of EMRS	Name of the District	Name of the Block
1	Pungar	Koraput	Similiguda
2	Dhanghera	Mayurbhanj	Khunta
3	Bhawanipur	Sundargarh	Sundargarh Sadar
4	Siriguda	Rayagada	Rayagada
5	Ranki	Keonjhar	Keonjhar Sadar
6	Chandragiri	Gajapati	Mohana
7	Mahasingi	Kandhamal	K. Nuagaon
8	Hirli	Nawarangpur	Nawarangpur
9	Laing	Sundargarh	Rajgangpur
10	Lahunipada	Sundargarh	Lahunipada

Sanction of Ekalavya Model Residential Schools in Orissa

†2853. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

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(a) the number of Ekalavya Model Residential Schools sanctioned in the State of Orissa;

(b) the amount of recurring and non-recurring funds released so far;

(c) whether a proposal for opening twenty more such schools has been received by Government from Orissa; and

(d) if so, the action taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) Ten Ekalavya Model Residential Schools (EMRSs) have been sanctioned in the State of Orissa.

(b) The Ministry has released Rs. 1360.00 lakhs towards recurring and Rs. 2500.00 lakhs towards non-recurring expenditure for EMRS to Govt. of Orissa from 1997-98 until November, 2006.

(c) and (d) The State Govt. of Orissa has sent proposals for opening of 6 more EMRS in the State. However, as the total number of EMRSs to be sanctioned during the Ninth and Tenth Plan periods for the entire country was fixed at 100, Orissa's share of schools was fixed at 10, and these schools have already been sanctioned.

Funds for tribal welfare

2854. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that funds allocated for tribal welfare are being diverted by the States for their purposes;

(b) if so, the names of States which are diverting funds allocated for tribal welfare;

(c) the steps Government contemplate to take to stop such diversion of funds; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?